# AUSTRALIA WCSFP 2013

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We are pleased to present the Australian companies doing business this year at WCSFP. Their projects represent a diverse range of genres, budgets and ambitions, reflecting our vibrant local screen industry.

Screen Australia is the Australian Government's major screen agency. We develop and finance high-quality, innovative and commercially attractive projects designed with audiences in mind.

We conduct research, assist the development of local film culture, and market Australian talent and screen content domestically and internationally.

Screen Australia facilitates regular co-production events

with international partners to enable a broad range of business opportunities for producers. Australia has co-production treaties with Canada, China, Germany, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Singapore, South Africa and the United Kingdom, and memorandums of understanding with France and New Zealand.





# **Artemis International**

Artemis International is a multi-award winning production company telling great stories with passion, integrity and style. Artemis International provides content for national and international distribution in all forms of visual media. We specialise in thought-provoking, entertaining television for Australia and the international market.

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#### IN DEVELOPMENT

#### First Flight

History & national identity 52 min

#### **Wooden Gold**

Natural history & environment 52 min

#### Tsunami: Ten Years On

History & national identity 52 min

#### **COMPLETED**

#### **The Dreamhouse**

Social contemporary 6 x 27 min **Broadcaster** ABC TV (Australia)

#### The Bombing of Darwin

History & national identity 52 min

Broadcaster History Channel





# Bearcage

Through film, documentary, factual entertainment, animation and advertising, on a diverse range of media platforms, Bearcage has been engaging and creating experiences for audiences for more than 20 years. From development through to post-production, Bearcage consistently delivers exceptional commercial and creative results.

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#### IN DEVELOPMENT

# The Boffin, the Builder and the Bombardier series 2

History & national identity 6 x 26 min

#### The Colours of China

Art & culture 5 x 43 min

#### Rock 'n' Roll Greenies

Social contemporary 6 x 26 min

#### **COMPLETED**

#### The Story of Australia

Social contemporary 6 x 26 min **Broadcaster** CCTV9 **Festivals/awards** Australian Arts in Asia Award

# The Boffin, the Builder and the Bombardier series 1

History & national identity 8 x 10 min **Broadcaster** ABC TV (Australia) **Festivals/awards** Finalist, ATOM Award for Best Factual Series

#### **Building Australia**

History & national identity 6 x 26 min **Broadcaster** History Channel **Festivals/awards** Finalist, SPAA Award for Documentary Television





## **Contact Films**

A partnership that combines creative filmmaking with content rigour to produce intimate and powerful documentaries that tell great stories with high production values. We love ambitious projects and exploring new ways to bring great stories to the screen.

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#### IN DEVELOPMENT

**First Footprints – The Pacific** History & national identity  $3 \times 55$  min

#### **COMPLETED**

#### **First Footprints**

History & national identity 4 x 57 min **Broadcaster** ABC TV (Australia)

Festivals/Awards NSW Premier's History Prize for Multimedia

#### **Contact**

History & national identity 52 min

**Broadcaster** ABC TV (Australia) **Festivals/Awards** Chicago Film Festival – Gold Hugo for Best Television Production & Best Documentary; Australian

Film Institute Awards – Best Feature Length Documentary: Sydney Film Festival – Foxtel Documentary Prize; Prime Minister's Prize for Australian History: Australian Directors Guild - Best Achievement in Directing for Documentary: Planete Doc Review Film Festival. Poland - Ecumenical Dialogue Award; Walkley Award – Best Coverage of Indigenous Affairs; Miradas Film Festival, Canary Islands – Best Documentary; Annu-ru Aboro Film Festival. New Caledonia - Best Documentary-Pacific/Oceania, FIFO Tahiti - Le Grand Prix du Jury



# **Electric Pictures**

Established in 1992, Electric Pictures is a Western Australian based company. Over the years the company has built a reputation as one of Australia's most respected independent producers of award-winning documentary programming in a range of genres including science, history, travel and adventure, arts, human interest and current affairs.

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#### IN DEVELOPMENT

#### **At Home with the Natives** Natural history & environment

8 x 30 min & 240 min

#### Blowing Up Australia

History & national identity 90 min

# East - West: The Power Game of the Century

Social contemporary 2 x 60 min & 120 min

#### **COMPLETED**

#### Stone Age Mystery

Natural history & environment 57 min

**Broadcaster** ABC TV (Australia)

#### Murdoch

History & national identity 2 x 57 min

**Broadcasters** SBS, BBC (UK), ITV (UK)

#### **Desert War**

History & national identity 2 x 60 min

**Broadcasters** ABC TV (Australia), BBC (Scotland)

**Festivals/awards** WA Screen Awards – Best Editing-Long Form, Best Sound-Long Form

# Essential Media and Entertainment





Essential Media and Entertainment is one of Australia's most prolific and award-winning production companies, making high quality factual series, documentaries and multiplatform content. Its factual team has produced hundreds of hours of quality documentary for Australian and international broadcasters. The company covers the full range of factual programming including science, history, arts, factual entertainment and lifestyle.

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#### IN DEVELOPMENT

**Chinese Take Out** 

Social contemporary 3 x 60 min

The Living Universe

Science 4 x 60 min

ATSOU – Australia: The Story of Us

History & national identity 8 x 60 min

#### **COMPLETED**

Australia: The Time Traveller's Guide

Science 4 x 60 min

**Broadcaster** ABC TV (Australia) **Festivals/awards** Jackson Hole Science Media Awards – Best Presenter-led Program; Best Series; SCINEMA Festival of Science Film – Best Television Series

The Grammar of Happiness

Science 52 min

Broadcaster ABC TV (Australia)
Festivals/awards Academia
Film Olomouc – The Best World
Science Documentary Film
Award and Student Jury Award;
FIPA, Biarritz, France – Young
Europeans Jury Prize; Jackson
Hole Media Science Awards, –
Best Human and Social Sciences
Program

Voyage to the Planets

4 x 60 min



# **Genepool Productions**

Genepool Productions specialises in creating outstanding science programming for Australian and international television audiences. It is led by creative director Sonya Pemberton, a 2012 Emmy® award winner and three-time winner of the Eureka Award for Science Journalism, and executive producers Michael Cordell and Nick Murray.

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#### IN DEVELOPMENT

Uranium – Twisting the Dragon's Tail

Science 3 x 60 min

#### **COMPLETED**

Jabbed – Love, Fear and Vaccines

Science 90 min

**Broadcaster** SBS

Tales of the Unexpected (Truly Strange)

Science 3 x 60 min **Broadcasters** SBS, Smithsonian Channel Immortal (Pemberton Films and December Media) Science 60 min

Broadcasters SBS, Smithsonian Channel, National Geographic Television International Festivals/awards Emmy® for Outstanding Science and Technology Programming; Jackson Hole Wildlife Film Festival – Best Science & Nature Program; National Press Club 2011 Best Documentary; 2011 Health Journalist of the Year (Sonya Pemberton); Tisza Mozi International Science Film Festival, Hungary – Special Jury Mention



# **Kate Pappas**

Kate has worked in factual television for over 12 years, in the UK and Australia. She has worked as a line producer for 360 Degree Films, Renegade Films and Serendipity Productions on history, science and social documentaries. She recently produced Future Radicals and Bodyline: The Ultimate Test and has several projects in development.

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#### IN DEVELOPMENT

Razzle Dazzle: The Hidden Story of Camouflage
Art & culture

Art & cultur 57 min

**Got Milk** 

Science 57 min

**Baywarra Lightning Maker** History & national identity 57 min

#### **COMPLETED**

**Bodyline: The Ultimate Test** 

History & national identity 57 min

**Broadcaster** ABC TV (Australia)

**Future Radicals** 

Social contemporary 29 min

Broadcaster ABC TV (Australia) Festivals/awards Cockatoo Island Film Festival; ATOM Awards – Finalist, Best Documentary Short Form



# Mago Films

Mago Films produces factual and lifestyle series. Marian Bartsch is producing *Great War Horses* for the ABC and *Tribal Scent* for NITV. *Tribal Scent* is the story of sandalwood. The perfume industry and Indigenous community in WA are working together to ensure the world's resource of sandalwood is sustained for future generations.

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#### IN DEVELOPMENT

#### **Tribal Scent**

6 x 25 min

Natural history & environment 56 min

# Where There is Smoke Social contemporary

#### **COMPLETED**

#### Life Architecturally

Art & culture 56 min

**Broadcaster** ABC TV (Australia) **Festivals/awards** FIFA Montreal, NY Architecture and Design Film Festival

#### **Recipes that Rock**

Factual entertainment 6 x 25 min

Broadcasters NGO, UK Food

#### **Great War Horses**

History & national identity 56 min

Broadcaster ABC TV (Australia)



# Mindful Media

Mindful Media is a fast-growing independent Australian production company committed to making television that is useful as well as entertaining. With the aim of inspiring audiences, we produce innovative and high quality factual programs for the world's leading broadcasters.

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#### IN DEVELOPMENT

Redesign My Brain series 2 Science

4 x 60 min

Are You Racist?

Science

3 x 60 min

I Blame My Brain

Science 6 x 60 min

#### **COMPLETED**

Redesign My Brain series 1

Science

3 x 60 min

**Broadcaster** ABC TV (Australia)

**Outback Fight Club** 

Social contemporary

2 x 60 min

**Broadcaster SBS** 

Festivals/awards Nominated

for AACTA Award for Best

Documentary Series and Logie Award for Most Outstanding

Program

#### **Dead Tired**

Science

2 x 60 min

**Broadcaster** SBS

Festivals/awards ACS Gold

Award



## **Northern Pictures**

Northern Pictures is an Australian production company. It produces content primarily for SBS and ABC (Australia). Its focus has been on wildlife and social documentaries. Northern Pictures is also the Australian headquarters of an international 'super-indie', which has production hubs in Singapore, New Zealand and Washington.

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#### IN DEVELOPMENT

#### **Big Pacific**

Natural history & environment 4 x 56 min

#### Antarctica: Life on Ice

Science 3 x 58 min

#### **Pizzly Bear Affair**

Natural history & environment 56 min

#### **COMPLETED**

#### Kakadu

Natural history & environment  $4 \times 60 \text{ min}$ 

Broadcaster ABC TV (Australia)

## Once Upon a Time in Cabramatta

Social contemporary 3 x 60 min

**Broadcaster** SBS

Festivals/awards New York Film Festival – UNDPI Gold Award and Silver Medal, Community Portraits Award; AACTA Awards – Best Editing in a Documentary; Walkley Documentary Award Finalist; ATOM Awards – Best Factual Television Series

#### **Shark Attack 360**

Science 56 min

**Broadcaster** Discovery Channel



# **Prospero Productions**

Prospero Productions is one of Australia's leading independent documentary production companies. We have made quality, multi-award winning documentaries and documentary series for nearly 20 years. The Prospero signature is strong narrative-driven documentaries that appeal to a wide range of viewers.

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#### IN DEVELOPMENT

#### Australia: Life on the Edge series 2

Natural history & environment 6 x 60 min

### Outback Truckers series 2

Social contemporary 13 x 60 min

#### **Naked Survivor**

History & national identity 60 min

#### **COMPLETED**

#### Sydney Harbour: Life on the Edge

Natural history & environment 60 min

Broadcaster National Geographic

#### Vet School

Science

6 x 30 min

**Broadcaster** ABC TV (Australia)

#### **Outback Truckers**

Social contemporary 5 x 60 min

Broadcaster 7mate

# Sea Dog TV International



Sea Dog TV International was established in 2007 by four-time Emmy® Award nominee Leighton De Barros and partner Jodie De Barros. The company specialises in factual programming, producing programs that are unique, innovative and entertaining, while educating and inspiring audiences.

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#### IN DEVELOPMENT

#### Birthplace of the Giants

Natural history & environment 52 min

#### Wild Stakeout

Natural history & environment 6 x 30 min

#### **Queens of the Neptunes**

Natural history & environment 52 min

#### **COMPLETED**

#### **Hello Birdy**

Natural history & environment 6 x 27 min

**Broadcaster** ABC TV (Australia)

#### The Search for the Ocean's Super Predator

Natural history & environment 52 min

**Broadcasters** ABC TV (Australia), Al Rayyan (Qatar), Smithsonian Channel, National Geographic Channel (Europe)

#### On a Wing and a Prayer

Natural history & environment 52 min

**Broadcaster** ABC TV (Australia)



# **Smith&Nasht**

A new production company founded by Australian entrepreneur Dick Smith and experienced producer Simon Nasht. Smith&Nasht creates TV, cinema and digital media that deals with the important challenges we all face: climate, sustainability, energy, population and the science that will build our collective future.

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#### IN DEVELOPMENT

**Big History** 

Science 3 x 52 min

The Bet

Science 90 min

The Hive Science

52 min

#### **COMPLETED**

Life on Us

Science 2 x 52 min

**Broadcasters** SBS. Arte

Ten Bucks a Litre

Natural history & environment 52 min

**Broadcaster** ABC

**The Vasectomist** 

52 min

**Broadcasters** SBS, DR, CBC, AVRO





# Wild Fury

Wild Fury Pty Ltd is one of Australia's newest factual production companies. Wild Fury represents the combined forces of respected producers Bettina Dalton, of Absolutely Wild Visuals and Content Mint, and Veronica Fury, of Fury Productions. Former Nine Network and Southern Star CEO Hugh Marks is Executive Director.

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#### IN DEVELOPMENT

**Twitchers Gone Troppo**Natural history & environment 6 x 50 min

#### **Big Red**

Natural history & environment 50 min

**Animals That Changed History** Natural history & environment 6 x 52 min

#### COMPLETED

Nature's Greatest Secret: The Coral Triangle Natural history & environment  $3 \times 50 \text{ min}$ 

**Broadcasters** ZDF/Arte, Discovery Asia

#### **Australia's Wild Places**

Natural history & environment  $5 \times 50 \text{ min}$ 

**Broadcaster** ZDF

#### Weapons of the Wild

Natural history & environment  $6 \times 52 \text{ min}$ 

**Broadcaster NGTI** 



# **ABC**

As Australia's national broadcaster, the ABC aims to provide high quality programming, independent news and information and content that enriches Australian communities. The ABC's range of diverse content, available freely to all Australians in every part of the country, has no parallel in commercial radio and television.

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## Flame Distribution

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#### IN DEVELOPMENT

Epic Train Journey with Tony Robinson Art & culture 8 x 53 min

**Haunting Australia** Social contemporary 8 x 53 min

**Iron Maidens**Social contemporary
8 x 25 min

#### **COMPLETED**

**First Footprints**History & national identity
4 x 57 min **Broadcasters** ABC TV (Australia)
ZDF/Arte

Great Estates
Art & culture
4 x 55 min
Broadcaster PBS
Rio City of Sport
Social contemporary
6 x 25 min



# **Looking Glass International**

Boutique distribution company specialising in high-end factual and documentary programs. We work with producers from development through to financing and distribution. We are always on the hunt for great new projects!

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#### IN DEVELOPMENT

The Joy of Sin

Science 3 x 60 min

**China: Origins of Astronomy** 

Science 2 x 60 min

**Samurai Warrior Queens** 

History & national identity 2 x 60 min

#### **COMPLETED**

The Long March into Space

Science 60 min

Broadcaster Discovery Channel

**Shattered Ground** 

Natural history & environment 60 min

**Broadcaster** Canadian Broadcasting Corporation

Panda's Wild Move

Natural history & environment 60 min

**Broadcaster** National Geographic



# **SBS**

SBS is Australia's multicultural broadcaster. The principal function of SBS is to provide multilingual, multicultural and Indigenous radio, television and digital media services that inform, educate and entertain all Australians, and in doing so, reflect Australia's diverse society.

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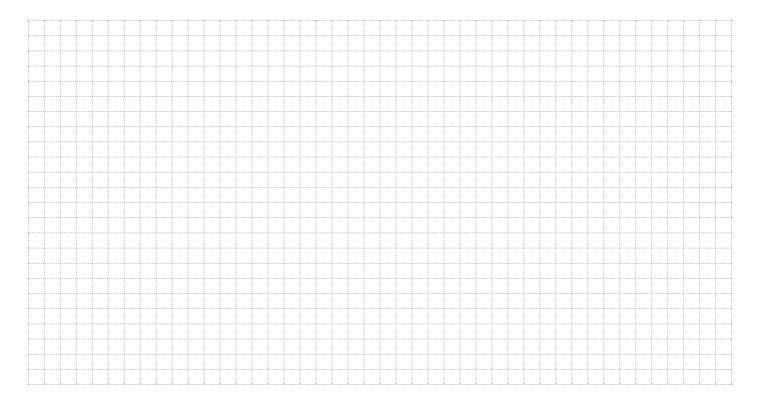
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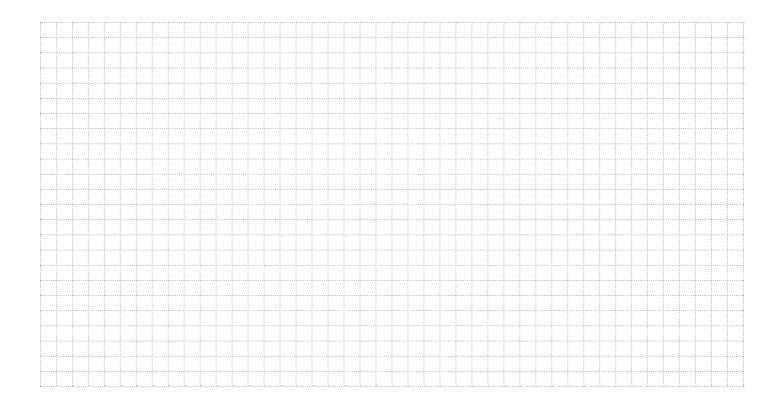
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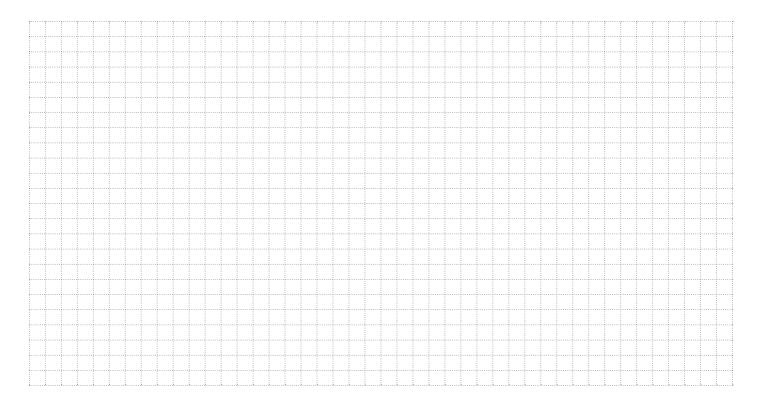
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